

Minutes of the September 13, 2018 Meeting of the Board of the Litchfield Historical Society

Present: Mrs. Hinkel, presiding; *Mmes.* Blazier, Furniss, Honan, Jones, Rahilly; *Messer's.* Quay, Roraback, Sherman, Terzian, Vermilyea, Worden. *Absent:* Brickley, Budney, Copeland, and Wacker. Mrs. Fields, by invitation.

The President called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. Furniss and seconded by Mrs. Blazier to approve and accept the minutes of the July 12, 2018 meeting. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Quay presented the Income and Expense Report. [Available on the Board Portal] Most items are on budget and expenses are in line. Most of the income for membership and annual fund come in the fall.

President's Report

All is busy and going well.

The October meeting will be held **October 4**, a week earlier than usual. .

Membership

Mrs. Blazier

The committee is sent a mailing to lapsed members which brought some return, but not what we hoped with 9 responses to date. The board had a general discussion about ways to attract new members. Megan will make the membership and annual fund lists available.

Litchfield Law School Task Force

Mr. Roraback

The Task force has been meeting regularly. The Task Force is continuing to work on a guidebook to the LLS. A few of the essays have been delivered and they are great. One of the authors, Ron Chester will lecture on October 21 about Tapping Reeve's groundbreaking stand on women's property rights.

Events

Mrs. Furniss

The fall fundraiser will be held next Saturday, September 15th, from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. The response has been phenomenal with just at 200 people signed up for the event. The silent auction is organized, the caterer is ready to go, and Litchfield Distillery will offer a signature drink.

The tent is up and hopefully the ground will dry a bit before Saturday. The committee and anyone interested in help will meet for set up at 1pm on Saturday.

Collections

Mrs. Jones

Mrs. Jones reported on the collections committee meeting. It was the first meeting in some time, but the committee now has plans to meet quarterly. The committee discussed new acquisitions, loans, and grant projects. Alex presented a group of objects for deaccession to the committee and they voted to go ahead with most of the proposed objects. The complete list is on the board

portal. The board must vote at two meetings to authorize the deaccession. The first vote will be next month.

Governance

Mrs. Honan

Mrs. Honan reported that Paul McLaughlin from Litchfield Bancorp has agreed to join the board at the annual meeting in April. Paul is very tied to the Litchfield business community and is a great fan of the society.

Director's Report

Mrs. Fields

Mrs. Fields referred to the staff update available on the board portal.

There are several dates of note coming up:

September 24 – Connecticut Historical Society Board of Trustees – reception at 4:40

September 29 – Apple Festival in the Meadow

October 3 – Historic Tax Credit Workshop

October 21 – Ron Chester lecture – Tapping Reeve and Women's property rights

November 17 – Lecture w/League of women voters – Kevin Jennings from the Tenement Museum

We have been asked to participate in the American Antique Dealers Association Fall show in Hartford. We will bring object and put up a small display.

Cathy and Jane will attend a Museum Trustee Association meeting and workshop in Hartford in October

We will advertise on a new "Mail a Map" of museums in Connecticut. Our information will be on the cover.

There being no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Fields